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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, PFOR LY US

SUBJECT: LIBYAN VISA APPLICANTS

REF: STATE 045772

1. OF 68 LIBYAN NIV APPLICANTS WHO REGISTERED DURING PERIOD JAN 18 THROUGH FEB 28, FIFTY HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED; ELEVEN ARE BEING HELD BECAUSE VISITS NOT CLEARLY IN U. S. GOVTS INTEREST; FIVE DIPLOMATIC BEING HELD; AND TWO ELIGIBLE BUT ARE TEMPORARILY NO SHOW WHILE ARRANGING NEW TRAVEL ITINERARIES.

2. RESUME OF APPLICANTS WHOSE REQUESTS NOW SUBJECT ADVISORY OPINION PROCEDURES: (A) JAN AND FEB HOLDOVERS - 18; (B) NEW APPLICANTS, MARCH - 97; APRIL 132 (TO DATE). TOTAL COUNT IS 247 WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED. OF THESE, APPROX 150 ARE LONG- TERM LARG- SPONSORED STUDENTS , ABOUT HALF SPONSORED BY AFME TOO.

3. ABOVE FIGURES REFLECT USUAL PATTERN OF BONA- FIDE STUDENT VISA APPLICATIONS. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE WE ANTICIPATED STUDENT APPLICATIONS WOULD CREST MARCH - MAY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT AFTER REVIEWING TRIPOLI 257, 248, 276 AUTHORIZE EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION TO ISSUE VISAS (FOLLOWING REFTEL GUIDELINES) AFTER A STANDARD INTERVAL OF DELAY. DETAILS THIS REQUEST SET
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FORTH IN CHARGE' S APRIL 10 LETTER TO AF/ N COUNTRY
DIRECTOR BLAKE. ALTERNATIVELY, IF DEPT LOATHE GRANT
THIS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY AT THIS TIME, REQUEST
WE BE AUTHORIZED, BY PRIORITY CABLE, ISSUE VISAS TO
APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED PRIOR TO APRIL 1.
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